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TAGS: PINT, RH, GH

SUBJ: GHANAIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ZANU/SITHOLE GROUP

REF: LILONGWE 945

1. FOR THE RECORD, MAWERE EXAGGERATED EXTENT OF GHANAIAN SUPPORT FOR SITHOLE IN HIS COMMENTS REPORTED PARA 4 REFTEL. PUBLICLY. GOG CONTINUES TO CALL FOR UNITY AMONG FOUR MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR ZIMBABWEAN LEADERSHIP AND HAS RECEIVED ALL FOUR OF THEM HERE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

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2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH ME, ACHEAMPONG HAS MADE NO SECRET OF HIS DISTASTE FOR NKOMO AND MUGABE AND HIS CONCERN OVER SOVIET INFLUENCE ON THEM. ALTHOUGH ACHEAMPONG WOULD CERTAINLY PREFER SITHOLE TO EITHER NKOMO OR MUGABE, HE ALSO SAID THAT HE BELIEVES BISHOP MUZOREWA--RATHER THAN

SITHOLE--HAS THE BROADEST BASE OF POPULAR SUPPORT
WITHIN ZIMBABWE ITSELF. ACHEAMPONG HAS ALSO TOLD
ME THAT WHILE MUZOREWA WOULD WIN "HANDS DOWN" IN ANY
TRULY FREE ELECTION IN ZIMBABWE, SUCH AS RESULT
COULD ONLY RESULT IN CIVIL WAR.

3. ACHEAMPONG, HAVING BEEN BURNED IN HIS EFFORTS TO
BRING THE ZIMBABWEAN LEADERS TOGETHER AT RECENT
ACCRA MEETING, IS NOT RPT NOT LIKELY TO THROW
GHANAIAAN SUPPORT TO ANY FACTION AT THIS POINT. HE
IS IN FACT DISGUSTED AT FACTIONALISM AND BACK-BITING
AMONG THE WOULD-BE LEADERS, AND CURRENT GHANAIAAN
ATTITUDE MIGHT BEST BE DESCRIBED AS "A PLAGUE ON
ALL YOUR HOUSES."
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